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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE

REF: BANGKOK 33891

1. YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THAI OFFICIALS CAN SERVE TO  
OPEN AN IMPORTANT DIALOGUE" OVER FUTURE  
DIRECTIONS OF U.S.-RTG ANTI-NARCOTICS COOPERATION. SHOULD  
THEY RAISE THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL NARCOTICS-RELATED  
U.S. ASSISTANCE, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

2. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THANIN'S ANNOUNCED COMMITMENT  
TO SUPPRESS NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. TO STRENGTHEN THIS  
COMMITMENT AND TO REINFORCE THE POSITION OF THOSE WHO SEEK  
TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE, WE REMAIN READY TO CONSIDER ANY  
REASONABLE PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATIVE EFFORTS.  
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3. INCREASING DEMANDS WORLDWIDE ON THE LIMITED FUNDS  
AVAILABLE REQUIRE US TO CONCENTRATE OUR RESOURCES ON THOSE  
PROGRAMS HAVING THE GREATEST IMPACT ON THE INTERNATIONAL  
NARCOTICS TRADE. WE HAVE PROVIDED SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS  
WORTH OF ASSISTANCE TO BOLSTER THAI NARCOTICS CONTROL

CAPABILITIES. THIS AID HAS INCLUDED TRAINING THAI ENFORCE-

MENT PERSONNEL, PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, AIRCRAFT, PATROL VESSELS, AND FUNDING OF CROP/INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROGRAMS. ASSISTANCE TO THE TNP, DOC, AND CROP/INCOME SUBSTITUTION IS CONTINUING, WITH PROJECTED EXPENDITURES OF MORE THAN \$3.1 MILLION OVER THE NEXT TWO FISCAL YEARS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE \$3.3 MILLION UNFAC PROJECT IN THAILAND HAS BEEN FINANCED LARGELY BY U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS (80 PERCENT OF UNFAC'S FUNDING).

4. WE BELIEVE OUR ASSISTANCE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN RTG CAPABILITIES AND PERFORMANCE IN NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION, AND WE APPRECIATE PAST AND PRESENT THAI COOPERATION AND EFFORTS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WOULD WANT TO BE CERTAIN THAT PAST PROBLEMS IN THE ABSORPTION AND EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF SOME OF OUR ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN CORRECTED.

5. IN VIEW OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, INCREASED U.S. NARCOTICS CONTROL ASSISTANCE COULD BE WARRANTED SHOULD THERE BE AT THE SAME TIME A CONCOMITANT INCREASE IN THE RTG ENFORCEMENT EFFORT. EFFECTIVE RTG ACTION AGAINST THE TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES OF MAJOR GOLDEN TRIANGLE GROUPS (PRIMARILY THE SUA AND CIF), SUCH AS DENIAL OF SANCTUARY ON THAI SOIL, WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THIS DIRECTION.

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